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Faculty of Health Sciences Student Awarded 2008 Tim Hickman Memorial Health and Safety Scholarship

This evening City Council recognized Western student Justin Sharpe as the 2008 recipient of the Tim Hickman Memorial Health and Safety Scholarship. The annual $3,000 scholarship for students in an occupational or public health and safety related program was established in 2006 by the Corporation of the City of London and CUPE Locals 101 and 107, as a tribute to citv employee Tim Hickman, who died in service to the community at age 21.

Scholarship recipient Justin Sharpe has one year left to complete his double major in Health Sciences and Psychology at the University of Western Ontario and aspires to work in rehabilitation sciences. Certified in the National Lifesaving Society's Lifeguard Program and a qualified swim instructor, Justin completed Level One of American Sign Language (ASL) in order to teach deaf students to swim and to help others requiring non-verbal communications.

Also experienced in providing instruction as a volunteer with the London Blind Swim Program, Justin believes knowing how to swim, and how to stay safe in and around water, are among the most important life skills a child can learn. His long-term goal is to be a respected resource for parents and children in the deaf community, through the establishment of "Justin's Swim School for the Deaf."

"Through this Annual Memorial Scholarship, the City continues to honour the memory of Tim Hickman," says Mayor Anne Marie DeCicco-Best. "The Award's selection process reinforces the importance of striving for excellence and is a reminder of Tim's dedicated service to our community. We congratulate this year's recipient, Justin Sharpe, and are confident he will excel in promoting safety as a priority in his professional career and his ongoing volunteer contributions."

The seven-member Scholarship Selection Committee includes Shirley Hickman, mother of Tim, for whom the Award is named. Details of the application requirements, selection criteria and submission process, as well as information on previous Scholarship winners, are available at ***www.london.ca***.